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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
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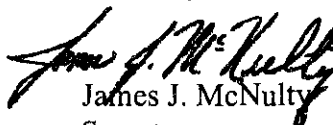
Re: State Certification of Rural Carriers for Federal Universal Service High Cost  
Support for January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007  
In the Matter of Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service  
CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Secretary Dortch and Vice President Majcher:

Pursuant to the requirements of 47 C.F.R. §54.314, the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission ("PaPUC") hereby certifies to the Federal Communications Commission and the Universal Service Administrative Company that all federal high-cost support provided to the 34 rural telecommunications carriers listed on "Appendix A," attached hereto, for the year commencing January 1, 2007 and ending December 31, 2007, will be utilized in a manner consistent with section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. As required by section 254(e), each of the carriers listed on "Appendix A" will only utilize the federal high-cost support for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of their facilities and services for which the support is intended within the meaning of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

Please time stamp the extra copy of this filing and return it to Elizabeth Barnes, Assistant Counsel, in the enclosed stamped, self-addressed envelope.

Sincerely,

  
James J. McNulty  
Secretary

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cc: Elizabeth Barnes, Assistant Counsel  
David Freet, Pennsylvania Telephone Association

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## APPENDIX A

### Certified Rural Local Exchange Carriers

(reference USAC website at <http://www.usac.org/hc/incumbent-carriers/step06/> )

Carrier	Study Area Code
Armstrong Telephone Company, North	170195
Armstrong Telephone Company, PA	170189
The Bentleyville Telephone Company	170145
Buffalo Valley Telephone Company	170151
C-TEC Company (Commonwealth Telephone Co.)	170161
Citizens Telephone Company of Kecksburg	170156
Citizens Telecommunications Company of New York, Inc.	154532
Conestoga Telephone & Telegraph Company	170162
D&E Telephone Company	170165
EMBARQ (fka Sprint/United Telephone Company of Pennsylvania)	170209
Frontier Communications of Breezewood	170149
Frontier Communications of Canton	170152
Frontier Communications of Lakewood	170178
Frontier Communications of Oswayo River	170194
Frontier Communications of Pennsylvania	170168
Hickory Telephone Company	170171
Ironton Telephone Company	170175
Lackawaxen Telecommunications Services	170177
Laurel Highland Telephone Company	170179
Marianna and Scenery Hill Telephone Company	170185
The North-Eastern PA Telephone Company	170191
North Penn Telephone Company	170192
North Pittsburgh Telephone Company	170193
Palmerton Telephone Company	170196
Pennsylvania Telephone Company	170197
Pymatuning Independent Telephone Company	170200
South Canaan Telephone Company	170204
TDS Telecom/Deposit Telephone Company	150089
TDS Telecom/Mahanoy & Mahantango Telephone Company	170183
TDS Telecom/Sugar Valley Telephone Company	170206
Venus Telephone Corporation	170210
West Side Telephone Company – PA	170277
Windstream Pennsylvania, Inc. (f/k/a Alltel Pennsylvania, Inc.)	170176
Yukon-Waltz Telephone Company	170215

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**Re: Verizon's Rate Comparability Review per the FCC's Rate Comparability  
Rules for Non-Rural Carriers, CC Docket No. 96-45**

I hereby verify under oath that the rates shown in the attached spreadsheet were the true and correct residence local rates in effect for Verizon Pennsylvania and Verizon North in Density Cell 4 on October 15, 2005.



Verizon Pennsylvania  
President

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August 2006



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## Rate Comparison related to Section 54.316 of the Code of Federal Regulations

### §54.316 - Rate comparability review and certification for areas served by non-rural carriers

**b) Safe Harbor** - For the purposes of its certification, a state may presume that the residential rates in rural areas served by non-rural incumbent local exchange carriers are reasonably comparable to urban rates nationwide if the rates are below the nationwide urban rate benchmark.

Nationwide urban rate benchmark = **\$34.58** per Table 1.13 of the FCC's 2006 Reference Book

### Verizon's Residence Rates in Rural Areas as of Oct. 15, 2005

Residential Rates for Local Service	Verizon PA - Cell 4			Verizon North - Cell 4		
Usage Rate Group	<u>A</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>F</u>
DTL	\$6.48	\$6.48	\$6.48	\$6.48	\$6.48	\$6.48
Local Area Unlimited	\$3.80	\$5.20	\$6.85	\$5.82	\$7.05	\$8.10
Monthly Charge for Flat-Rate Service	\$10.28	\$11.68	\$13.33	\$12.30	\$13.53	\$14.58
Federal SLC	\$5.92	\$5.92	\$5.92	\$6.50	\$6.50	\$6.50
USF Surcharge	\$0.61	\$0.61	\$0.61	\$0.67	\$0.67	\$0.67
911 Surcharge (ranges from \$0.74 to \$1.50)	\$1.25	\$1.25	\$1.25	\$1.25	\$1.25	\$1.25
Relay Surcharge	\$0.07	\$0.07	\$0.07	\$0.07	\$0.07	\$0.07
Federal Tax	\$0.54	\$0.59	\$0.64	\$0.62	\$0.66	\$0.69
Surcharges and Taxes	\$2.47	\$2.52	\$2.57	\$2.61	\$2.65	\$2.68
<b>Total Monthly Charge for Flat-Rate Service</b>	<b>\$18.67</b>	<b>\$20.12</b>	<b>\$21.82</b>	<b>\$21.41</b>	<b>\$22.68</b>	<b>\$23.76</b>

∴ The Safe Harbor provision is applicable because all of Verizon's rural residence rates for local service, including surcharges and taxes, are less than the nationwide urban rate benchmark.

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